
**Draft Minutes of the Llangors Community Council Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 7.00pm in the Llanfihangel Talyllyn Community Hall.**

Members Present in person: Cllr Ven. A Jevons (Chair), Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Mr S Bailey, Cllr Mr G Beaven, Cllr Mr D Jones, , Cllr M Scruby, , Cllr Mr C Preece.

In attendance: Hannah Davies (Clerk), County Councillor Sian Cox (agenda item 14 only).

1. Welcome and participation rules for the meeting

Cllr Jevons welcomed those attending and reminded that normal rules for the use of mobile devices applied. There had been no requests to attend the meeting by remote link. He welcomed and introduced Hannah Davies who had recently been appointed Clerk and RFO. Those present introduced themselves and explained their interests and responsibilities.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Miss H Quarrell, Cllr Mr D Scully, Cllr Samantha Denne.

3. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct. – None

4 Consider & approve the minutes of the Meetings on 12/03/2024.

The draft documents had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12/03/2024 be accepted as a true record of the proceeding and they are to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Owen proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all were in favour.)

5. Matters arising from above minutes not listed on the agenda - none

6. Questions on agenda items from members of the public – none.

7. Welcome to the Llangors Community Council's new Clerk and RFO – covered during item 1.

8. Monthly planning report

Cllr Beaven introduced the April Planning Report circulated prior to the meeting and reproduced at the end of these minutes. He explained that there was little current activity and it was now expected that BBNPA 23/22440/FUL Tan Troed would be considered by the Planning Committee at their meeting in June. The Council had recently been notified of decisions for two local applications and these would be covered in the May report.

9. Review of Welsh Language Policy.

Cllr Owen explained that the Welsh Language Policy document had been reviewed and changes introduced to bring it up to date with the current Welsh language standards and to better explain the provisions for the Community Shop.

It was resolved to adopt the Welsh Language policy document. (Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Beaven seconded and all were in favour.)

10. Arrangements for Annual Public Meeting

All those present agreed that there should be an Annual Public Meeting in 2024 and after discussion that it should be held in June in place of the Monthly Meeting due on the 11th of that month. However, the Langors Community Hall would be the preferred venue and as this was unlikely to be available on

the 11th and an alternative date would be needed. The availability of the Hall on the 12th June would be investigated (Note – this date is now in doubt for other reasons and the availability on the 11 and 13th is being checked).

Potential contributions to the meeting would be presentations covering: the Chair's Report, the Councils planning activities particularly the Royal Oak Camp and Tan Troed applications, progress of the Community Shop, the work of the Lake Advisory Group, local Policing issues, local Highways issues and a review of matters of interest by our County Councillor. These options would be investigated further with the aim to finalise the programme and the invitation arrangements at the May monthly meeting.

Action 1 – APM - to book the Llangors Hall – Hannah Davies

Action 2 – APM – to prepare Annual Report – Cllr Jevons

Action 3 – APM – to prepare planning presentation – Cllr Beaven

Action 4 – APM – to approach Community Shop Chair – Cllr Owen

Action 5 – APM – to approach Lake Advisory Group – Cllr Scruby

Action 6 – APM – to approach Community Police – Cllr Bailey

Action 7 – APM – to approach Powys Highways Officer – Cllr Bailey

Action 8 - APM - to approach Cllr Cox.- Cllr Jevons

11. Finance matters:

a) Monthly Finance Report

Cllr Preece had circulated the April Finance Report prior to the meeting that is reproduced at the end of these minutes.

It was resolved that the April Finance Report be accepted as a true and correct record of the Council's finances and the payments made listed therein be confirmed. (Cllr Jevons proposed, Cllr Owen seconded and all were in favour)

Cllr Preece explained that the induction training package for the new clerk would include a briefing by the previous clerk and other additional activities requiring up to 40 hours attendance during the first month. Hannah Davies would also like to opt-in for a Work Place Pension which the Council will need to put in place.

It was resolved that Hannah Davies should be reimbursed for up to 40 hours attendance during the first month, that the previous clerk should be reimbursed for providing an induction briefing and that a Work Place Pension should be made available (Cllr Owen proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all were in favour)

The quotation to extent the current insurance policy for a further 12 months was reviewed and it was considered to represent good value for money.

It was resolved to accept the Zurich Town and Country insurance policy quotation for the period 01/06/2024 to 31/05/2025. (Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Bailey seconded and all were in favour)

It was resolved to authorise the following payments due: £10 for hire of Llanfihangel Talyllyn Community Hall for monthly meeting, £520 to Clerk for April monthly salary, £155.88 to reimburse Cllr Preece for the Zoom Yearly Subscription, £650.14 to Zurich for annual insurance premium. (Cllr Beaven proposed, Cllr Jones seconded, Cllr Preece abstained and remainder were in favour).

b) Review and agree conclusions of external audit for financial year 22/23

Cllr Preece explained that the long awaited report of the external audit had now been received. In principle the outcome was positive with no matters giving cause for concern but the audit opinion was qualified with observations regarding the non-availability of prior year's accounts and other periodic financial reports on the Council's website. He would work with the new Clerk to place all of the required notifications on the notice boards.

Cllr Preece confirmed that our inability to display more than one year's accounts on the Council's website was a recognised deficiency but it had not been highlighted in earlier audits. He and Councillor Bailey already have a meeting arranged with Joe Aldworth at which they would discuss what would be need to improve the website in order to address this shortcoming.

With regard to the observation about other periodic reports Cllr Beaven offered to review the Monthly Meeting minutes for f/y 23/24 to identify what further reports need to be placed on the website in anticipation of the upcoming audit. The monthly correspondence received report should also be resurrected although that and similar omissions during the period of operation without the support of a clerk would have to be accepted.

Cllr Preece was thanked for all the extra effort he made to submit the audit documentation and draw the process to a conclusion.

It was resolved that the Auditor General for Wales report and opinion for the year ending 31 March 2023 be accepted with actions placed to address the qualifications and recommendations. (Cllr Jevons proposed, Cllr Owen seconded and all were in favour.)

Action 9 – To investigate improvements needed to place prior year's accounts on website – Cllr Preece and Cllr Bailey

Action 10 – To review 23/24 minutes to identify additional documents to place on the website – Cllr Beaven

12. Review of Assets**a) Health and Safety:**

Cllrs Scully had provided written confirmation that the condition of all assets in Llanfihangel Talyllyn was satisfactory.

Cllr Beaven reported that the condition of all assets in Llangors was satisfactory apart from the collapsed seat reported and discussed at previous meetings.

b) St Paulinus Churchyard

Cllr Beaven had nothing to report.

c) Llanfihangel Talyllyn Glebe Playpark

Cllr Scruby explained that OTM had now provided the required quotation for implementing the suggestion by the One Voice Wales 'Local Places for Nature Officer', that the grass mowing regime should be 'tweaked' to increase the 'no / low mow' area around the margins of the field. Also included was the price for chippings to be spread under the swings to improve safety. The £250 (+ VAT) cost for implementing the new margins regime was due to the difficulty in cutting mature grass and the need to use a special type of mowing machine. After discussion it was agreed that the low-mow treatment would be implemented for this year only with a review of the outcome before any decision about the longer term. The chippings were essential safety requirement but options to reduce the cost of spreading them would be explored.

It was resolved to implement a no-mow treatment at the Glebe field margins for the next year (Cllr Jevons proposed, Cllr Owen seconded and all were in favour).

It was resolved to authorise payment of £624 to OTM for implementation of no-mow treatment and purchase of chippings. (Cllr Bailey proposed, Cllr Owen seconded and all were in favour).

13 Highway Issues Report

Cllr Bailey reported that two new problems reported by Councillors had been notified for action to the Powys CC Highways Officer and that all outstanding highway matters would be reviewed at his next meeting with the Officer due in May. A concern raised by a resident about rumours of no future Powys funding for maintenance of unclassified roads had been satisfactorily resolved.

14. Written update from County Councillor Sian Cox

Cllr Cox was thanked for her comprehensive written report that was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

She further explained that the Powys CC initiative Sustainable Powys and Better Together was a reaction to the extreme funding challenges in the current year and the forthcoming period. Something had to change and the Council was exploring the potential for collaborative innovation and joined up solutions for meeting future needs. Their aim was to redesign how services are provided and residents' needs are met in genuine collaboration on equal terms with community councils having a key role to play. The recent webinar was only a starting point for much more meaningful and deeper conversations with residents and councils which will be held over the coming months.

15. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Scruby reported that the recent meeting of the Lake Advisory Group had discussed the algal bloom problem that had re-occurred last summer and what if anything could be done about it, the lack of a capability to measure levels of Nitrogen in the lake, the sources of invasive species and the problem of excessive weed growth.

Cllr Jones highlighted the forthcoming road closure for resurfacing between Llanfihangel Talyllyn and Groesffordd.

Cllr Owen reported that the Community Shop Manager was leaving and recruitment of a replacement was well advanced.

16. Review monthly action list for items not already covered on the agenda

A number of outstanding actions were still ongoing and these would be carried over.

20. Date, time and venue of the next hybrid monthly meeting

It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting would be on 14/05/2024 at 7 pm in the Llangasty Community Hall and be available on Zoom.

Action 11 – To reflect the following matters in the agenda for the May meeting: Arrangements for the Annual Public Meeting - Chair

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

Summary Planning Report – April 2024***Llangors Community Council supported: -***

None

Llangors Community Council did not support: -

None

Applications under active consideration: -

None

Applications approved by PCC/BBNPA: -

BBNPA 23/22510/FUL 4 December 2023

Single storey extension, remove chimney, cladding to part of existing bungalow. Construction of garage. 29 Maesyfelin, Llangorse, Brecon LD3 7TS.

Applications refused by PCC/BBNPA: -

None

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports

Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Finance Report April 2024

	<u>Lloyds Bank LCC</u>	<u>LCC LT Playing</u>
	<u>Account</u>	<u>Field A/C</u>
<u>Opening Balances from last meeting report</u>	£20,835.62	£852.73
<u>Receipts since last meeting report</u>		
01/03/2024 DEP National Grid (Wayleave Payment)	88.03	
<u>Payments since last meeting report</u>		
04/03/2024 FPO Joe Aldworth - Map Your Marketing	543.00	
04/03/2024 FPO Llangasty Parish Hall - meeting	27.00	
04/03/2024 FPO Pennorth Chapel - meeting	40.00	
15/03/2024 FPO Llanwern Church - Additional Annual grant	25.00	
15/03/2024 FPO One Voice Wales - Annual Membership	205.00	
15/03/2024 FPO Pennorth Chapel - Annual Grant	125.00	
15/03/2024 FPO Pennorth Chapel - meeting	16.00	
28/03/2024 FPO Dial A Ride - section 137 payment	225.00	
<u>Closing Balances</u>	<u>£19,717.65</u>	<u>£852.73</u>
<u>Payments due before next meeting</u>	<u>Grant Applications</u>	
Llanfihangel Hall - £10 per hour		
Clerks April monthly payment		
Insurance: Zurich Quote £650.14 (£605.86 2023)		
Zoom payment Reimbursement Colin Preece: £155.88		